

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT**  
**NON-RESIDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING: 8/6/05**

In Attendance: Commissioner John Stroebele, Mickey Magid, Shawn Seilback, Susan Seilback, Marc Silver

Regrets: Myron Bernstein

Absent: John Fox, Alan Silberstein, D'veral Silberstein, Joanne Tauber, Paul Tauber

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Cigarette Boats: Noise pollution and Excessive Speed**

The first reading of an ordinance addressing these issues was read at the Commissioners Meeting on Wednesday night, 8/3/05. The second reading will take place on Wed., 8/17/05, 5PM, and the public is invited to express its views. The ordinance will be published in the newspaper, and will also address the issue of the pipes and tug boats, ambient light, and decibel levels when dredging takes place in the fall of the year in the bay at the rock jetty between 17<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Aves. **Several committee members plan to attend the second reading, and it was suggested that all committee members attend, if possible.**

Commissioner Stroebele also announced that the dock behind the borough hall is to be a magnet for the State Marine Police; they will have the use of the facilities there, and therefore will provide greater surveillance to this area.

**Proposed Traffic Changes on Atlantic Ave.**

A discussion on the feasibility of the proposed changes took place. The prevailing opinion was that we should wait and see if the changes achieve the desired effect.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

An email from a Longport non-resident was brought to the attention of the committee. The issues concerned the **harmony of new homes being built in Longport, the size of lots and zoning restrictions, and the taking away of dogs' privileges to be on the beach in the summer, on and after beach hours.**

Commissioner Stroebele advised us that the Longport Resident Advisory Committee is grappling with the issue of what is "harmonious" regarding homes in the community. Even though lot size and coverage are zoning issues, one suggestion is that we could make recommendations and provide leaflets with

information as to the kinds of materials which would be most harmonious to use, the amount of "green" space, etc., so that prospective home builders would have some guidelines. With regard to dogs, it was agreed that dogs would present a health concern on the beach, especially in the summer. It was suggested that our Chairperson respond to the email sender.

Related to this issue, we discussed the newly-applied stickers to the borough public trash receptacles, asking that the public not discard baby diapers and dog waste in these receptacles. Commissioner Stroebele said that this has become a real problem for those employees who empty the receptacles. We discussed how to make Longport a more dog-friendly community like others, specifically certain communities in California along the beaches. Since it would be almost impossible to pick up after one's dog and dispose of the waste any other way, the committee suggested that special receptacles be placed throughout the borough specific to this. That way, employees who are emptying them could wear appropriate clothing, gloves, etc. This was put on the agenda for follow-up.

#### **Expansion of Non-Resident Committee:**

It has been suggested that we look at allowing more non-residents to serve on this committee, to look at limiting the terms of the officers, and to hold a public meeting for those who would like to attend. Discussion ensued and the consensus was that we not hold a public meeting since the Commissioners hold public meetings for this purpose. We also plan to have the Minutes published on the borough website, [www.longport.info](http://www.longport.info), and have a link so the public can address issues directly to this committee. With regard to adding more members, the committee decided to table this issue until we have more members in attendance.

#### **Announcements:**

##### **Beach Ice Cream Vendor:**

FYI: The committee was informed that the former ice cream vendor is very bitter over losing the contract and is trying to get a groundswell of opinion against the present vendor whom he accuses of overcharging. We were informed that Margate followed Longport's example and held an auction for the vendors' licenses.

##### **Borough Clerk's Position:**

The committee was informed that a decision was reached to fill the vacancy in that position. After carefully studying the job description and the duties performed, the \$55,000/year clerk's position has been replaced with a combination of a permanent part-time clerk (administrative assistant) at 20 hours/week (9AM-1PM), @ \$10-\$12 / hr. to handle non-technical work; technical work will be referred to Thomas Hiltner, the current Margate clerk @\$500/mo.

A suggestion was made to provide a lock box for the public to pay their tax bills, traffic tickets, etc., instead of having to deal with personnel. There was put on the agenda for follow-up.

**Flags on LifeGuard Stands:**

We all agreed that the flags indicating the safety condition of the surf is an excellent idea, and agreed that we should send a formal letter commending the beach patrol on their efforts to improve the safety on the beach. The Chair will be contacted about this.

**Rapid Water Entry Life Saving:**

Commissioner Stroebele announced that the fire and police departments, and lifeguards are coordinated in this effort. Six patrolmen have volunteered to be trained at \$975/each, and we have accessed special life jackets with oxygen tanks on the back enabling the patrol to go underwater for a rescue.

**Recommendations remaining open:**

1. Changing the 31<sup>st</sup> street siren.
2. Beautification of Atlantic ave.
3. Burying the utility wires.
4. Publishing our Minutes on the borough web site.
5. Receptacles for dog waste.

**[As we each have a commitment to serving on this committee, the members in attendance have recommended that each committee member assume the responsibility of notifying the Chairperson or the Recording Secretary in advance when he/she will not be attending the next scheduled meeting.]**

There were no further items on the agenda.

**Next meeting: 8/27/05, 9:30AM**

Please contact me with any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Seilback